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E.O. 12065: ADS 5/31/79 (DWYER, R.A) OR-M
TAGS: CASC, OREP (RYAN, LEO), GY
SUBJ: TAPE OF SUICIDES AT JONESTOWN
REF: STATE 310096
1. REFTEL REPORTS "WASHINGTON POST" SUMMARY OF TAPE RECORDING LAST MINUTES OF JONESTOWN. SUMMARY CONTAINS WHAT APPEAR TO BE INACCURACIES IN INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS ON THE TAPE (E.G. IT IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT WAS MARCELINE JONES WITH WHOM JONES DEPATED DESIRABILITY OF DEATH; RELIGOUS MUSIC MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS MATERIAL ON TAPE NOT PROPERLY ERASED; ETC.)
2. . EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT AFTER TAPE IS PROCESSED SO AS TO BRING OUR DETAILS TO THE GREATEST DERTEE POSSIBLE, TRANSCRIPT BE SENT EMBASSY FOR INTERPRETATION AND COMMENT BY THOSE CLOSEST TO AND MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OF EVENTS IN JONESTOWN. IT APPEARS QUITE IMPORTANT THAT THE FINAL TRANSCRIPT BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.
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